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***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****

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1. (U) NORTH AFRICA:

A. (U) ALGERIA: NTR.

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3. (U) LEBANON: VTR.

C. (U) SYRIA: NTR.

4. YUGOSLAVIA:

4. (U) YUGOSLAVIA INTERNAL SITUATION: ACCORDING TO REUTERS REPORTING, 12 MAR, THOUSANDS OF ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS, SINGING PATRIOTIC SONGS AND BLOCKADING A MAIN BELGRADE BOULEVARD, DEMANDED THAT SERBIAN PRESIDENT SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC RESIGN. THE STUDENTS ALSO DEMAND AN AMNESTY FOR DRAFT DODGERS WHO AVOIDED THE WAR. THE PROTEST, WHICH BEGAN ON 10 MAR, AGAIN GREW TO SEVERAL THOUSAND IN THE AFTERNOON AS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JOINED THE FESTIVE DEMONSTRATION WHEN THEIR SCHOOLDAY ENDED. THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WON A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY FROM PASSERSBY AT THE BUSY INTERSECTION, BUT FAILED TO WIN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OR WORKERS. A MASS PROTEST BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS LAST MARCH THREATENED MILOSEVIC'S IRON GRIP ON POWER AND FORCED THE RESIGNATION OF HIS MINISTER OF INTERIOR. MILOSEVIC AND SERBIAN AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE ADOPTING A TOLERANT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE 10-12 MAR DEMONSTRATION IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL FADE AWAY. THE PROTEST FOLLOWED A DEMONSTRATION BY THE MAIN SERBIAN OPPOSITION PARTIES ON 09 MAR WHICH DREW MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE, WHO ALSO CALLED ON MILOSEVIC TO QUIT.

3. (U) MORE THAN 100 UN PEACEKEEPING TROOPS ARRIVED ON 12 MAR, PART OF THE ADVANCE TEAMS WHICH HAVE BEEN ARRIVING SINCE 08 MAR TO PREPARE FOR A 14,000-STRONG FORCE. THE UN TROOPS WILL BE DEPLOYED IN

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THREE FLASH-POINTS BETWEEN SERBS AND CROATS IN CROATIA. THE UN FORCES' COMMANDER, INDIAN GENERAL SATISH NAMBIAR, HAS BEEN IN CROATIA SINCE 10 MAR AND WILL SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA ON 13 MAR.

6. (U) VIP TRAVEL OF LAW INTEREST: NTR.

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PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

1. (U) [ILLEG]
ISRAEL
[WORDS ILLEG] PATRIOT MISSILE

[ILLEG] CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS [ILLEG] 12 MAR INDICATES ISRAEL SOLD THE PATRIOT ANTI-SCUDD MISSILE OR THE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA. THE CHARGES WERE [ILLEG] IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER. THE U.S. IS REPORTEDLY INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGED CHARGES. OF NOTE: ISRAEL SIGNED AGREEMENTS NOT TO SHARE PATRIOT TECHNOLOGY WITH ANY THIRD COUNTRY AS PART OF THE DEAL WHICH INCLUDED TWO PATRIOT BATTERIES (FIVE LAUNCHERS, A COMMAND AND CONTROL [ILLEG], RADAR AND 34 MISSILES), VALUED AT [ILLEG] MILLION (USD) EACH.